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Senate overrides Carter's oil fee veto

WASHINGTON, June 6 (Agencies) — The Senate today overrode President Carter's veto of a bill rejecting a fee on imported oil. The 68-10 vote completed congressional action on the veto, and thereby prohibited Mr. Carter from imposing the fee, which would have meant a 10-cent-a-gallon tax on petrol. It was the first time a Democratic-controlled congress has failed to sustain a Democratic president's veto since President Harry S. Truman was overridden in 1952. Mr. Carter vetoed the bill yesterday, saying the fee was needed to help conserve imported petroleum. But two hours later and with no debate, the House voted, 335-34, to override the veto. While either chamber of Congress can sustain a veto, two-third votes in both houses are needed to override one. Mr. Carter cast 21 previous vetoes, all of which were sustained. Although no Democratic president had been overridden since 1952, Republican presidents Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford had a total of 19 vetoes overridden.

Soyuz T-2 docks with Salyut 6

June 6 (Agencies) — Soviet cosmonauts Yuri Malynov and Vladimir Aksyonov today docked their Soyuz T-2 with the orbital station Salyut 6, Tass News Agency reported. After the docking operation at 1558 GMT, some 25 minutes, they climbed aboard to join cosmonauts S. Yuryov and Valery Ryumin, who have been on board for two months. The latest Soviet space mission is aimed at testing the redesigned Soyuz craft. Tass said the cosmonauts spent the first stage of the docking approach automatically, but the final 180 metres manually. Popov and Ryumin have been on board for 59 days. Last month they were joined on board Salyut 6 by Soviet-Hungarian crew launched as part of the Soviet "Interkosmos Programme." Earlier today, Tass reported that the Soyuz capsule's rocket to put the craft into an orbit.

Regional Briefs

T, June 6 (R) — Israeli-backed rightist militiamen today shelled three southern Lebanese villages under the control of Irish peacekeepers but there were no casualties, a U.N. spokesman said. He said nine mortar rounds landed within 150 metres of positions in the village of Al Tiri and 31 more exploded 60 metres of Irish positions in the village of Hadatha. Eight were also fired at an Irish position at Aita Al Zout, the spokesman said. The shelling lasted an hour, but stopped after Irish troops threatened to return fire, he added. The militia shelling was apparently in response to an overnight car bombing in Beirut in which Lebanese were injured near the Irish positions.

SCUS, June 6 (AP) — A British woman has been arrested at an airport while allegedly trying to smuggle 12 kilograms of hashish to Amsterdam, the Syrian Arab News Agency reported today. It identified the woman as Katherine Coburn (transliterated from Arabic), without giving her address in Britain and passport number. She told police she was a governess in Canada, SANA added. The agency said she was concealed in two sweet boxes. The woman told investigators two Lebanese smugglers had prepared the hashish for her. She said the Lebanese town of Basalbeck four days ago, SANA added. The woman was identified by her two Lebanese associates only by their first names of Chahine and Morfy. She was released after boarding a jetliner to Amsterdam Wednesday.

AIN, June 6 (R) — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia will make his first visit to West Germany from June 16 to 19, the royal palace said in an announcement quoted by the official Saudi Press. King Khaled's visit will be the first to West Germany since he succeeded the late King Faisal in 1975. The timing of the visit is seen as a move to strengthen ties between the two kingdoms. The king will meet with German leaders and will also attend the summit of major western industrialized countries at the end of June and the 23rd West German summit in Bonn. Saudi Arabia is one of Germany's most important economic partners. Saudi Arabia exports much of Germany's crude oil and Germany borrowed three billion (\$1.7 billion) from the kingdom earlier this year.

T, June 6 (AP) — Mr. Bernd Debusmann, Renter's Beirut chief, was shot and wounded here before dawn today. The University Hospital said the 37-year-old West German resident of the British news agency was "in a satisfactory condition." Mr. Debusmann was leaving with his wife a party at a house in West Beirut when he was attacked. Witnesses said a white sedan drove up as Mr. Debusmann was getting into his car and took three shots at the newsman from a gun with a silencer. Renter's here said one bullet hit Debusmann in the back. His wife escaped unharmed and the car sped away, leaving no clue behind him. A spokesman for the Beirut police department said an investigation would be conducted into the attack.

RA DEL VALLO, Sicily, June 6 (AP) — Tunisian patrol seized and forced into a Tunisian port an Italian fishing boat crew of 12 on the grounds it was operating in Tunisian waters. The boat was boarded 24 kilometres north of the island of Sicily. It was the third Italian fishing boat seized by Tunisian authorities this year, the 12th since the failure of a fishing agreement between Italy and Tunisia in June 1979.

DBI, June 6 (R) — A Libyan technical delegation is to visit soon to work out details of cooperation between the two states, Radio Uganda, monitored here, reported today. The aid a communiqué had been issued in Kampala following a visit by Uganda Foreign Minister Otema Alimadi. The communiqué said the two countries had agreed to reactivate their relations, which had been halted when dictator Idi Amin was last year. Libya was ready to assist Uganda in reconstruction, and in restoring peace and tranquility.

SIA, June 6 (R) — United Nations special envoy Javier Perez de Cuellar met Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou and Turkish leader Rauf Denktaş today in an effort to restart talks on the status of this divided Mediterranean island. The U.N. arrived in Cyprus this morning and met President Kyprianou after breakfast. He then crossed the dividing line between the Greek and Turkish communities to hold talks with Denktaş. About an hour later he returned for further talks with President Kyprianou. He said he was seeing Mr. Denktaş again later today. Talks to re-unite the island were off a year ago. Cyprus has been divided since Turkish invaded it in 1974.

IRADE, June 6 (R) — The commander of the Libyan army, Gen. Muammar Gaddafi, left here after a four-day visit to Yugoslavia. During the visit, Gaddafi discussed bilateral military cooperation with Yugoslav Minister Nikola Ljubicić, but no details of their talks were disclosed. Brig. Jaber also toured an exhibition of Yugoslav-made arms at a military base near Belgrade, and he met some units and institutions of the Yugoslav armed forces.

Demirel pleads for early elections

IA, June 6 (AP) — Turkish Premier Süleyman Demirel today renewed his plea for early elections, saying "Turkey is bleeding" as a result of political violence that took more than 100,000 lives.

Demirel, speaking to a weekly audience with acting president Sabri Caglayangil, the embattled premier said: "disputes in Ankara will come to an end" if there are early elections.

Analysts noted that Mr. Demirel was referring to the deadlock in the Turkish parliament over the election of a new president. Demirel's government won a vote of confidence on Nov. 25 with the uncommitted support of the Muslim fundamentalist National Salvation Party and the extreme Nationalist Action Party.

Meanwhile in the central Turkish city of Corum, 255 kilometres northeast of here, tension heightened today following the killing of seven persons in clashes and kidnappings.

Rioting in Corum, a quiet city until the recent troubles, was a new episode in the polarisation of competing groups throughout Turkey, where only a few of the 61 provinces are untouched by assassinations and violence.

Extremists set up log and stone barricades on major streets, dividing the city of over 100,000 into rival neighbourhoods.

The disturbances were triggered by the gunshots in Ankara of Gun Sazak, 48, a top official of the right-wing National Action Party on May 27.

Hundreds of his party protested by taking to the streets and destroying scores of shops and offices owned by leftist members of the main opposition Republican Peoples Party.

The embattled conservative minority government of Premier Demirel fired the local governor and security chief. In Ankara, Mr. Ecevit claimed the disturbances were "the rehearsal of a civil war."



PLO leader Yasser Arafat prepares to hug Mr. Bassam Shak'a when he visited the maimed Nablus mayor at the Hussein Medical Centre here Friday. (Photo by Yousef Al Allan)

Received by Sharif Abdul Hamid Arafat here to visit Shak'a

AMMAN, June 6 (Agencies) — Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat today visited Nablus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a, at the Hussein Medical Centre here, the Jordan News Agency (JNA) reported.

Mr. Shak'a, seriously wounded in a car bomb attack in his home town on Monday, was operated on at the centre after being brought here earlier yesterday when his doctors said signs of gangrene had developed in the wounds of his maimed legs. Mr. Shak'a had declined an Israeli offer for treatment in an Israeli hospital.

JNA said Mr. Arafat, who

arrived here from Damascus this morning, was met at the hospital by Interior Minister Ali Bashir, the director of public security and a number of officials.

The agency quoted Mr. Arafat as saying at the border post of Ramtha that his visit to Jordan was to enquire after Mr. Shak'a's health, but he hoped to be able to meet Jordanian officials to review current events in the occupied territories. The prime minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, later received Mr. Arafat at the government guest house.

The two leaders reviewed developments in the Palestinian issue and the Israeli authorities'

repressive measures against the Arab citizens of the occupied West Bank," JNA said.

Meanwhile, the condition of the Nablus mayor, who lost both his legs in the car-bomb attack, was very satisfactory, according to hospital sources today.

The Iraqi ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Sabah Al Hourani, also visited Mr. Shak'a, JNA reported.

The agency said the ambassador told the mayor that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was offering all assistance for Mr. Shak'a's treatment.

Another offer came from France. Presidency officials said in (Continued on page 2)

Kahane lauds attacks on West Bank leaders

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 6 (Agencies) — Rabbi Meir Kahane, rebuffed in his appeal to be released from prison, today defiantly applauded the bombings of Palestinian leaders and said he hoped Jews were responsible.

After Israel's Supreme Court upheld his detention on secret charges, the American-born Rabbi told reporters: "This week has been a holiday for me and all of Israel. It seems that good and talented Jews took revenge for the blood of Jews that was spilled in Hebron."

He referred to the May 2 ambush in the Arab town of Hebron, in which six Israeli settlers were killed.

Rabbi Kahane, jailed since last month, leads the extremist "Kach" organisation that advocates expelling Arab from Israel and the occupied territories. After Monday's coordinated association attempts that maimed two West Bank mayors, suspicion focused on Jewish extremists, but Kach denied any connection to the sabotage.

Israeli authorities continued their search for the bombers, and press reports said the investigators were concentrating on Hebron and the Jewish suburb of Kiryat Arba, where many of the most militant Jewish settlers live.

One newspaper quoted a senior security source as saying authorities were investigating right-wing Israelis with experience in intelligence or commando operations.

In Kiryat Arba, the belief that Israeli investigators were infiltrating the settlement prompted residents to post wry signs urging

fellow settlers to welcome them and show them what good-hearted people we are."

State Attorney Gabriel Bach, in urging that Rabbi Kahane be held under administrative detention, refused to disclose the charges against the Rabbi, but said he "planned attacks against Arabs" after the Hebron ambush.

The Supreme Court's hearing on Mr. Kahane's petition for freedom was held behind closed doors, but the army radio station reported that Judge Yitzhak Kahan, in denying the petition, said the allegations against the Rabbi were so serious that his detention could not be ended.

The detention order is valid for six months, but can be appealed every three months.

Rabbi Kahane is the first Jew to be jailed under the administrative detention law, which is usually invoked against Arabs captured by Israel. The government says it opts for the controversial law in extreme cases, where charges are too sensitive to be aired in a trial, or Israel's security sources would be endangered by having to testify in court.

Foreign news reports have said that Kahane planned to blow up Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest shrines.

Rabbi Kahane, who founded the militant Jewish Defence League in the United States, said the charge was "nonsense," but added, "the idea is a very good one."

The attempts to kill the three Palestinian leaders on the occupied West Bank meanwhile have raised fears in Israel of further bloodshed.

Moderate Israeli leaders swiftly blamed a Jewish underground army for the car bomb attacks four days ago against Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a of Nablus, Mayor Karim Khalaf of Ramallah and Mayor Ibrahim Tawil of Al Birah. Mr. Shak'a and Mr. Khalaf were maimed, Mr. Tawil escaped.

Suspicion that an underground army was in the making had been growing since Jewish extremists vowed vengeance over the graves of the six Israeli settlers, killed in the Hebron ambush. The suspicions were reinforced by subsequent discovery of an arms cache in a Jewish seminary in occupied Jerusalem.

Former chief of staff Haim Bar-Lev, the man who could be defence minister if Israel's Labour Party returned to power, said in an interview in today's English-language Jerusalem Post: "The situation is rapidly getting out of hand. We are talking about armed Jewish underground groups — and the arms proved that it's more than just talk."

Prime Minister Menachem

Begin condemned the car bombs but declined to blame them on Jewish extremists. His aides kept insisting the culprits could have been rival Palestinians.

The car bombs climaxed a long period of unease among many Israelis at the way Jewish fanatics had flouted the law with impunity

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Afghan rebels amass huge force to attack Soviet base

NEW DELHI, June 6 (Agencies) — Afghan Muslim rebels were reported today to have massed a huge force in mountains as close as 20 kilometres to Kabul and a traveller arriving here said Soviet military units were preparing to defend the capital.

A separate report from a Kabul source believed reliable confirmed that insurgents had holed up in a mountainous area in what was described as preparation to attack a Soviet base.

The traveller said Soviet forces were now concentrated between Charikar town, west of the Afghan capital, and the Paghman range.

"Every day they (Soviet troops) search houses for weapons and ammunition in villages beyond Charikar," he said.

He said a Soviet-led offensive against rebels in the eastern Kunar province bordering Pakistan ceased last Wednesday after 22 days of intense fighting.

"Every day 15 to 20 helicopter gunships took part in sorties which began in the morning and went on until sunset. There were many casualties," the traveller said.

The helicopter gunships, a weapon Afghan rebels fear most, pounded the Kunar towns of Darai Mazar, Devagal, Bader, Pachke and Shugal.

The worst damage was in Darai Mazar. "We do not know the number of casualties, but many of the people killed were ordinary citizens," he said.

Other reliable reports reaching here from Afghanistan said 200 Soviet soldiers, wounded in battles, died in Kabul's military hospital last month.

About 600 wounded Soviet troops were admitted to the hospital in May compared with an average of 150 in the previous two months.

One traveller said a 400-bed hospital in Kabul behind the American embassy was being used as a transit centre for wounded Soviet soldiers being brought to

Over American objections EEC may issue new ME peace declaration

BONN, June 6 (Agencies) — Heads of the nine European Economic Community governments may issue a new

Middle East peace declaration over U.S. objections at next week's Venice summit, sources said today.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said the final decision on issuing the document would be made at Venice. They did not rule out a last minute change in plans.

Sources said work on a draft Middle East declaration was continuing despite President Carter's warning to European allies not to undermine the Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt by supporting Palestinian self-determination.

But Western European diplomats believe the Camp David talks are at an impasse because of Israel's settlements policy, and that U.S. diplomatic manoeuvrability has been curtailed by the Jewish lobby in the upcoming presidential elections.

British newspapers reported today the EEC would declare publicly for the first time that the Palestine Liberation Organisation should be directly involved in Middle East peace negotiations.

The Guardian said Thursday's EEC summit would produce a declaration which would "formally recognise" the PLO.

In denying the Guardian report, one diplomatic source here stressed his objection to the word, "formally." Sources said a final document would not include formal recognition of the PLO but would call for the right of the Palestinians to self-determination and their own homeland.

Sources said EEC foreign ministers were preparing a tentative position paper on the Middle East issue but were still receiving

recommendation from individual members.

In London, Britain said today there was no question of the nine EEC countries formally recognising the PLO.

A foreign office spokesman was asked to comment on the Guardian speculation that the Venice meeting would issue a special declaration on the Arab-Israeli dispute in which it would recognise the PLO.

The spokesman said the nine had agreed last September that the PLO should accept the principle of a negotiated Middle East peace settlement.

Britain had made clear its belief that the PLO was an important political factor in the Middle East and would at some stage have to be associated with peace negotiations, he said.

"But there is no question of Britain or the nine giving formal recognition to the PLO in any sense," he added.

Meanwhile, Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen said today that the EEC would not decide on the recognition of the PLO at its summit meeting in Venice next week.

"Such a move does not lie within our brief, nor that of the Treaty of Rome. The question of recognition of the PLO is a bilateral one for each nation to decide on its own," he said.

Earlier he and Danish Prime Minister Anker Joergensen had talks with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir who is on a tour of Western Europe.

Queen Zein undergoes successful operation

AMMAN, June 6 (JNA) — Her Majesty Queen Zein, the Queen Mother, had her gall bladder removed in an operation that took place in Lausanne, Switzerland this morning.

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Qotbzadeh: putting American hostages on trial is not wise

TEHRAN, June 6 (R) — Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh said today he did not think it would be wise to put the American hostages held in Iran on trial.

"It is the trial of the United States which is important, not of individuals," he told a press conference.

Questioned about proposals to try the 53 Americans held since the U.S. embassy was seized last Nov. 4, he said: "I don't think the question of a trial is seriously set forth. Obviously some people have talked about it, but personally, I don't think it is a wise idea."

Mr. Qotbzadeh made clear that he did not envisage a tribunal to assess U.S. involvement in Iran but the release of data which the U.S. government itself possessed.

"If this information had been exposed fully, without prejudice, obviously we would have been in a much better shape. At least we would have dealt with the real cause and probably the problem would have been solved by now," he said.

When a reporter said that even if the U.S. published a full expose of its actions in Iran, the militants holding the hostages would still

continue to demand the extradition of the former Shah, Mr. Qotbzadeh said he would persist in his view.

He also insisted his views were closest to those of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, leader of the Iranian revolution, whose full authority the militants invoke. As a token of his perseverance, the foreign minister declared: "I fought against the regime of the Shah for 25 years. I never gave up."

As for the militants' claim to be acting on the wishes of Ayatollah Khomeini, he said: "The claim is mine. I am more in line with the ideas and ideals of the Imam than anybody else."

Mr. Qotbzadeh was speaking to reporters the day after an international conference sponsored by the Iranian government strongly condemned the U.S. for intervening in Iran's internal affairs for the past 27 years.

He praised the presence at the conference, in defiance of a U.S. government travel ban, of a 10-member American delegation headed by former Attorney-General Ramsey Clark.

"The presence of the American

delegation here has been a very positive stance in terms of expressing some viewpoints other than constant propaganda which is going on in the U.S.," he added.

Mr. Qotbzadeh said he was well satisfied with the outcome of the four-day conference, over which he presided, saying it had done an excellent job.

"This was the order of the Imam (Ayatollah Khomeini) and his will, which we applied. In a most successful manner, it achieved its purpose."

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A women's bath in Damascus

By Pat McDonnell
 Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS -- It's commonplace for male residents and visitors to Damascus to treat themselves to a genuine Turkish bath. However, in nearly three years of residence here, this reporter had been frustrated in attempting to locate a hammam for women.

A Scottish woman who has lived in Damascus for 20 years had likewise searched to no avail for the rumoured hammam for women, only to be told that this or that old bath-house for women had been closed. With the help of a Finnish friend from the United Nations, the elusive and exclusively-for-women Hammam Al Warda (Rose Bath) was located this week.

The taxi took us into Suq Sarouja, then turned down a nondescript alley and we stopped in front of an ancient building marked by a sign in Arabic.

The women proprietors didn't seem surprised to see four western women enter the hammam, which is the oldest bath-house in Old Damascus. The Arabic sign states it has been a bath since 8 A.H. The site has probably always housed a bath, but the existing structure dates to the Ottoman period.

The entry room was lighted by a domed ceiling with circular window panes. On the northern side of the room was a diwan in which patrons disrobe, then wrap a towel around themselves and pick up a plastic water container.

A peculiar pathway

Eager to see the actual bathing room, this towel-clad reporter proceeded ahead of the group and walked out one of two doors. I was surprised to find myself in a small alley. Looking up, I could discern windows and thought it peculiar that the path to the hammam would be so public. At this point, I became aware of a commotion of excited Arabic phrases being shouted at me. I turned to see one of the proprietesses frantically motioning me to return. I had walked out the back exit of the hammam.

Amidst much laughter over error, we entered a steaming tiled room with domed ceiling. We passed from it into a even larger domed and tiled room, where the moist heat at first seemed unbearable.

A group of Arab women ranging in age from tots to a grandmother were grouped on tiled ledges. Their bathing and chatter stopped as they observed the foreigners walking in their midst. We were led to a smaller tiled room adjoining the main bath.

Here, we gathered around a fountain and began to dip our bowls into the warm water and pour it over our heads. Shampooing the hair was the first ritual—the steam makes it necessary to wash the hair. At no time did we use soap: we were told (in Arabic) that we must first make the skin "ripe" by continuously pouring warm water over our bodies.

After 15 minutes of the "ripening" process, the Arab equivalent of a masseuse, the mukaissa, entered our cubicle. She was clad only in a sarong-like skirt, her face was tattooed and we later learned she was a Palestinian who had been forced to leave her home city in 1948.

We had been advised on what to bring to the hammam: a large towel to wrap around ourselves and for drying, a smaller towel for sitting on the wet tiled floor and our own kias hammam. The latter is a special bath glove made of an abrasive fabric which the mukaissa rubs over every part of the body and face to remove an unbelievable amount of dead skin.

Return to childhood

The mukaissa spent a minimum of 15 minutes on each person as she massaged the dead skin off the body. The excess skin peels off painlessly, and the process doesn't affect a newly acquired sun tan. When the mukaissa was through with each of us, our skin felt soft and smooth as a baby's and we felt mentally and physically relaxed from the massage.

For a westerner, the experience of a hammam is unique. It was as if we had suddenly returned to carefree childhood as we twisted and turned in the warm water like baby seals. For two hours, appointments, chores and work were forgotten as we gathered around the fountain, talked and ceaselessly doused ourselves with water.

The four of us were casual acquaintances, yet we were bathing together and, surprisingly, we weren't self-conscious over being unclothed. Inhibitions were gone.

False eyelashes came off; one's facial flaws were no longer camouflaged by make-up or the beautician's coiffure.

Once the physical artifices were eliminated, so too were the inhibitions. Conversations turned to humour then personal viewpoints—it was like group therapy without paying \$50 an hour to a licensed psychiatric group leader. A sense of fellowship had somehow enveloped us. Businessmen are missing a good bet if they don't take potential clients to a hammam.

By this time, the Arab women in the main bathing room had become accustomed to our intrusion. The grandmother began beating a pulsating rhythm on a brass water container. Two or three young girls jumped in front of the central fountain and began dancing to the rhythms. A member of our group also started dancing and we joined in.

Like sisters

Miraculously, the hammam took on the atmosphere of 18th

century painters' versions of Middle Eastern harems. A woman attendant brought the Arab bathers' trays of tea, bread and fruit. They, in turn, offered us part of their repast.

The heat and the lack of oxygen in the steaming rooms brought us back to the reality of schedules to be met outside this time capsule that had transported us to another age. As we left the main bathing room, the cool air was doubly refreshing.

Once outside in the sun-drenched streets of the Old City, we four, who had been relative strangers two hours previously, felt like sisters. The immediate and unanimous question was "When do we do it again?" a date was set.

The total cost of the bath and massage was S.L. II (\$3.75). For the information of interested Damascene or Amman women readers wishing to visit Hammam Al Warda, its telephone number is 224-509. If trying to find it on your own, drive to Suq Sarouja and ask for directions at the Silver Tower Hotel or call this reporter at 336-658.

Dagger at the heart

THE UNITED STATES neither condemns the assassination attempts against three Palestinian mayors, which resulted in the maiming of two of them, nor sees those bombing attacks as stemming from the Israeli military occupation of the West Bank.

Those are the only two conclusions one can reach from the U.S. abstention in the Security Council on Thursday on a vote deploring those attacks and criticising Israel for providing inadequate protection of people forced to live under its occupation.

It is impossible to conceive of any other people, apart from Palestinians, whose tragic maiming in a coordinated wave of terrorist bombings would not be held to be reprehensible to the United States government, as they must be to the entire American people. Or is it no longer too cynical or too utterly discouraging to have to conclude that there is no measure, containing even the slightest suspicion of criticism of Israel, that the U.S. will not veto or dissociate itself from for the sake of the Jewish vote in domestic American politics?

The post-vote explanation by the American ambassador, Mr. McHenry, as to why the United States chooses not to join a horrified world in abhorring the attacks on the mayors, was such a masterful display of doublethink and doubletalk that the official State Department account of his remarks could be headlined, like some pronouncement out of Orwell, "U.S. Condemns West Bank Violence."

A brutal crime has been perpetrated on the West Bank," Mr. McHenry averred, before launching into an oration containing such rhetorical flourishes as "the emotion and, ultimately, intolerance of immoderate minorities not only wins adherents, but a controlling hand in a deteriorating atmosphere where one violent act is assumed to guarantee another."

Such blatherings are an attempt to conceal the monstrous fact — the only deduction we can reach as a result of Thursday's vote — that the United States somehow approves of the blowing up of Arabs in the West Bank.

Nor are we impressed by Mr. McHenry's attempt to relate an appalling act of terrorism with the sanctity of Resolution 242. That resolution addresses the Palestinians only as refugees; the attacks on the West Bank mayors are part of a concerted Zionist attempt to rid Palestine of its indigenous inhabitants. If the U.S. wants to make a connection between those two facts, then it does so by aligning itself with that Zionist tactic.

We have been reminded once again, by Mr. McHenry and by Secretary of State Edmund Muskie, of the "tragic cycle of violence" in the Palestine conflict, without any attempt to trace that cycle back to its origins. We have been told by Mr. Muskie that "this is a time for a cooling down of emotions and for reason to prevail over passion."

The actions of the administration he represents in condoning and abetting the perpetration of terrorist outrages by an alien force that is aiming a dagger at the heart of the entire Arab nation make a mockery of appeals to reason and moderation.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The Mayor of Nablus, Mr. Bassam Al Shak'a, who crossed the bridge for treatment here Thursday is a living picture of Palestinian struggle against oppression.

He came on June 5, a date coinciding with the 13th anniversary of the outbreak of the 1976 war in which the Israelis occupied the Arab territory in Palestine. His arrival serves as a reminder to the Arab Nation that the Palestinians are still bent on their struggle for liberation, and appeals to the Arab states to build up their indigenous strength and restore the usurped lands.

Jordan's immediate response, offering care and assistance to Mr. Shak'a and the other Palestinian brethren on the West Bank, serves as reminder of the strong brotherly ties binding the people of the two banks of the Jordan River.

AL-DUSTOUR: The Arab move to bring the issue of the sufferings of the Arab people in the occupied West Bank before the U.N. Security Council can be considered one aspect of the political campaign to end Israeli oppression.

With all due respect to the Security Council, we nevertheless believe its resolution as it stands will not force Israel to comply with international will and show respect for human values. Israel has proved to the world time and time again its disregard for the U.N., continuing to occupy Arab territory and pursuing a policy of evicting its legitimate owners.

The forces which back Israel with absolute military and financial support, particularly the United States, are responsible for the plight of the Palestinian people and for the continued oppression exercised by Israel against the Palestinians.

The effort to impose U.N. sanctions on Israel has so far been hampered by the United States, which has not displayed the slightest bit of sympathy for the oppressed people of Palestine. President Carter's advocacy of human rights today faces a major challenge—Israel's violation of such rights in the occupied Arab territories.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

The British Council presents an exhibition entitled "British Architecture for Arts and Leisure". Photographs and plans with seventeen contemporary examples will be on display until June 12.

Film

The French Culture Centre presents a film by Serge Korber entitled "Les Feux de la Chaudière" (1972), starring Annie Girardot, Claude Jade, Jean Rochefort, Bernard Fresson and Jean Bouise. The respectable notary of a country village leaves his wife, who has become involved in politics and is destroying his career. The film, subtitled in Arabic, starts at 7:30 p.m.

Kahane

under the Begin government.

Critics argued that Mr. Begin had consistently shown leniency to extreme groups such as the Gush Emunim movement which believes in mass Jewish settlement on occupied Arab land.

In the interview Mr. Bar-Lev ruefully recalled that he was a former Labour government which allowed the Gush Emunim in 1974 to succeed in defying the law by establishing a prohibited settlement on occupied land.

Mr. Bar-Lev pledged that a future Labour government "would take all steps to prevent such illegal activity."

In the early days of Gush Emunim, its current leader, the Rabbi Moshe Levinger proclaimed: "The Jewish national renaissance is more important than democracy. Democracy can no more vote away Zionism, immigration and settlement than it can vote that people should stop breathing."

After the car bomb attacks this week, the Gush Emunim leader, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, told Reuters: "I understand the feelings of those who did it."

This was a sentiment frequently echoed last week among residents of Kiryat Arba.

The Peace Now movement, a group favouring a conciliatory policy towards Palestinians, demanded the disarming of all Gush Emunim followers who now are liberally stocked with weapons

in their settlement armories. The movement also demanded imposition of a curfew in all Gush Emunim settlements.

Visitors to Kiryat Arba during the week saw there had been no mass interrogations or searches of the kind normally carried out in Arab areas after disturbances. Official sources claimed investigations were being carried out quietly by security services.

One leader of Peace Now, Mr. Omri Padan, said that if private armies were not stamped out "the day is not far off when Jews will fire at each other."

This fear was reiterated editorially in the English-language Jerusalem Post. Noting the Israeli government's preoccupation with settling Jews in the West Bank, the paper said: "Although they manifestly acted strictly on their own, the Monday morning bombers were in effect seeking to enforce in their own manic way, what is essentially government policy."

The Post noted a warning by one pro-government politician that the next targets could be government ministers including Mr. Begin himself. "For Arab terrorism is a simple security threat," the editorial said. "Jewish terrorism is subversion and a rebellion against the state itself."

Another Jerusalem Post writer, Mr. Meir Merhav, said that extremist Jewish settlement groups consider themselves superior, morally and ideologically, to the government and to the law.

"Their settlements are breeding grounds for the underground and they are only a step from turning upon the state and government that nurtured them, Mr. Merhav wrote. "They are a danger to our democracy and to our very survival and will remain so unless their roots are weeded out."

Arafat

Paris today that French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing had offered to treat the mayor in a French hospital.

The French leader has told Jordanian authorities that if any special treatment not available locally was needed, Mr. Shak'a could be flown to a French hospital.

The French government yesterday condemned the bomb attacks in which Mr. Shak'a and Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf were injured last Monday "as representing a particularly odious form of terrorism."

"The French government is deeply concerned over the latest outbreak of violence and the deterioration of the situation in the occupied territories," a French foreign ministry spokesman said.

"It deplores the acts of violence when they come and the repression which increases instability in the region and constitute a serious threat to peace."

"The government condemns Monday's attacks on the Nablus and Ramallah mayors as representing a particularly odious form of terrorism," he said.

Mr. Arafat today called for an urgent meeting of Islamic foreign ministers to discuss the bomb attacks.

The Saudi Press Agency said Mr. Arafat called for the meeting in a telegram to the secretary general of the 42-member Islamic

Conference Organisation, Mr. Habib Chatti.

"These terrorist attacks, which reveal the nature of the racist enemy government, aim at subduing the Palestinian people and expelling it from its country," Mr. Arafat said.

The U.N. Security Council yesterday condemned the attacks, in which Mr. Shak'a lost both legs and Mr. Khalaf lost a foot. The PLO held the Israeli government responsible.

Forty-one countries and the PLO are members of the Islamic Conference Organisation, whose secretariat is in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Yugoslavia sharply condemned Israel, blaming it for aggravating the Middle East situation. A foreign ministry spokesman

AMMAN, June 6 (JNA) — The Secretary General of Arab Economic Unity, Dr. Fakhri Qaddouri, will in Arab tour tomorrow to discuss subjects on the agenda. 35th session, to be held in Amman on July 2. The (take Dr. Qaddouri to Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, and the Emirates (UAE). While in the UAE, he will attend Arab economists.

AMMAN, June 6 (JNA) — The Jordan Medical Association yesterday received 10 special colour television sets, teaching medicine, by presenting taped lectures on and other video tapes, as a present from the West Bank Association. The gift was presented to the JMAA, Jamil Maraqa, at the Professional Association of German Ambassadors to Jordan, Dr. Heilmann.

IRBID, June 6 (IT) — A young boy was killed yesterday shell with which he was tampering exploded near here report in the local press. It said the boy, Mahmoud Al found two shells lying in a pit and took them. One of other shell was found unexploded. Al Rai newspaper that three other young boys were killed and another when a shell went off inside an abandoned water well had descended. According to the report, the four search of birds' nests.

ZARQA, June 6 (JNA) — The Zarqa Municipality received a gift of books from the North Korean embassy. The collection of 200 books on social sciences, education was handed to Zarqa Mayor Salameh Ghaw Secretary of the North Korean Embassy, Mr. Choi.

World press condemns

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are excerpts from editorials of leading newspapers around the world commenting on Monday's car bomb attacks on the Israeli-occupied West Bank in which Nablus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a and Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf were crippled, and Al Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil narrowly escaped a similar fate.

China accused the Israeli government of being responsible for the bomb attacks.

The official People's Daily said in a commentary: "These murderous acts were apparently a calculated plot." It said the bombings were "another grave provocation" brought about by the Israeli authorities following their expulsion four weeks ago of Hebron Mayor Fahd Qawasm, Halhoul Mayor Mohammad Milhem and Hebron Chief Judge Sheikh Rajab Al Tamimi.

"To maintain its rule and its bankrupt policy, the Begin government has resorted to expulsion and deliberate murder of the Palestinian leaders, attempting by means of terror to force the Palestinian inhabitants to leave their homeland and annex Palestine for ever," the paper said.

"However, these perverse acts can never save the Begin government from its doom," it said.

The People's Daily said the "stubbornness of the Israeli authorities" was the main obstacle to a solution of the Palestinian problem. Mr. Begin's government not only refused to withdraw from unlawfully occupied Arab land but was building more settlements on the West Bank, it said.

In India, the independent Indian Express said: "The maiming of two Arab mayors on the West Bank in bomb attacks by Jewish terrorists has shocked the world. Mr. Menachem Begin... cannot escape the moral responsibility for these inhuman crimes. The temper of violence on the West Bank today is entirely due to is aggressive policy of planting Jewish settlements there and the brutal repression of Arabs protesting against these inroads into their homeland... There is hardly any hope of Israel cooperating in the efforts towards an agreement on this vital issue as long as the hawkish Mr. Begin is in command... Even Egypt seems to be in despair of making Mr. Begin see reason."

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West Bank bomb

The Indian pro-government National Herald. Though the assailants have not been identified, Israel bears the responsibility... With the new Israeli policy of terrorism, the possibility of a negotiated settlement is receded into the distant future."

In Washington, the Washington Star commented: that the Palestinian Arabs of the West Bank, in moderates like Elias Freij, the former mayor of B resigned this week, view the settlements policy as impediment to peace — and more. They believe, right that terrorist assaults on the mayors are rooted in the settler extremists and therefore implicitly condoned by official Israeli policy...

Mr. Begin's policy of pressing ahead with Israeli Judea and Samaria the occupied Arab territories has been thorn in the side of Palestinian moderates.

"When a man like Mr. Freij... becomes so fed up with bilism and uncertainty of Israeli policy as to quit, that signal to the world that it is time to take stock."

East Germany accused Israel of encouraging the I and said Prime Minister Begin's expressions of regret dents were "pure hypocrisy."

In a bitter attack on the Israeli government's police Bank, the official daily Neues Deutschland said the be part of a general campaign of terror against Palestinian Mr. Begin of "pure hypocrisy" in saying he regretted it daily added: "The Zionist boss avoided any trace of on these terrorist activities," and instead put his occupant alert and sent reinforcements into the area.

Neues Deutschland said the Zionist extremists responsibility for the bombings knew they had Mr. Be "because they are doing just the same as he did 30 y

It said Mr. Begin, a former Zionist guerrilla leader, the massacre of 250 Arabs, mostly women and chi Palestinian village of Deir Yassin in 1948 to terrorise a the Arab population.

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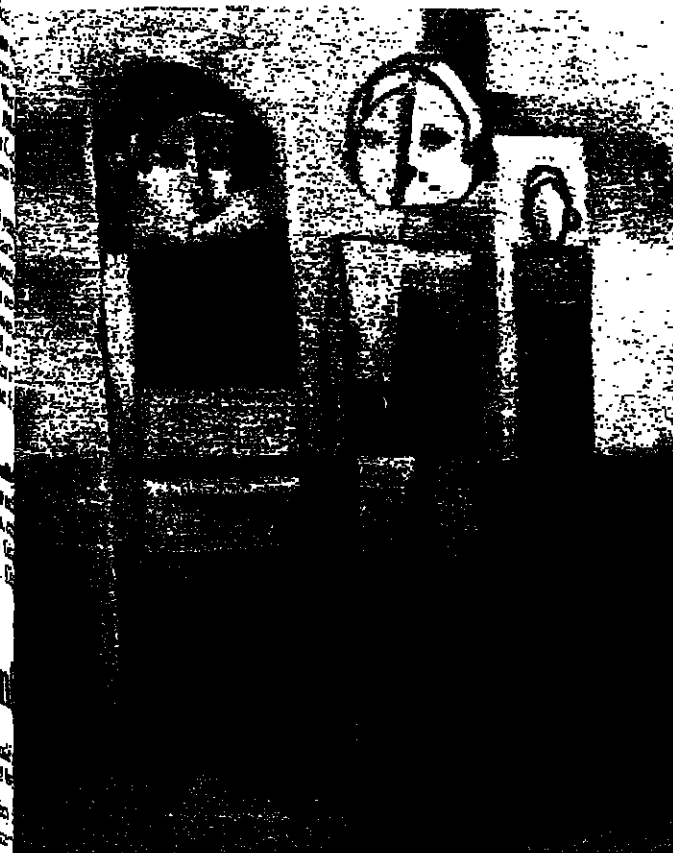
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Damas-Scene

Compiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell



Children of Southern Lebanon as portrayed by Syrian artist Georges Achy in a collection featured this week at the French Cultural Centre.

(Week of June 7-13)

EXHIBITIONS

THURSDAY, June 7: Syrian Book Week opens with a 6 p.m. reception in the Arab Cultural Centre, under the patronage of the Ministry of Culture and the Arab Writers' Federation. A collection of more than 200 books by Syrian writers will be on view for six days. Hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily except Friday.

CONTINUING: Works by the Italian artist Maurizio de Simone on view in Ebla Gallery, established and operated by Syrian artist Mamdouh Kachlan. Mr. Kachlan has returned from a highly successful tour in Valencia, Spain, and Palermo, Italy, where his individual exhibitions were featured in art journals and local newspapers. In Palermo, he gathered a collection of works by his colleague, Mr. de Simone, which he is showing at his gallery at 32 Abdul Hamid Zahrawi St., one block northwest of the Italian hospital. The Italian artist paints in a highly expressionist style, and the exhibition features 10 silk-screen prints, six oils and two water-colours. The landscapes feature architecture which is definitely Arab-inspired. The silk-screens are in seven vivid hues of range, yellow, red, blue, green, purple and brown. Hours: 5 to 8 p.m. daily except Friday.

Posters by Syrian youth are on view through Thursday in Al Hab' Gallery. Hours: 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 4 - 8 p.m. daily except Friday.

"The Sorrow in the Hearts of Children", a collection of 20 oil paintings by Syrian artist Georges Achy, is on view in the French Cultural Centre. This is the ninth solo exhibition by the artist, who has attempted to portray the emotions of the children of southern Lebanon in his current show.

A wide variety of icons, abstracts, landscapes and Syrian primitive paintings by Latakia artist George Genoura can be seen daily in his studio in the Jisr area of Damascus. Hours: 5 - 8 p.m. daily except Sunday.

An exhibition sponsored by the Circassian Society of Syria continues at the Meridien Hotel. Featured artists are Naser Shamsa, Nazir Nabah, Mahmoud Hammad, Fateh Mouddares and Turki Mahmud Bey.

Palestinian costumes, books, photos, posters and paintings are on view in the Soviet Cultural Centre as part of its Palestinian Cultural Week activities. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m. daily.

LECTURES

SUNDAY, June 8: Works of the revolutionary Bulgarian poet Christo Botiev will be read at 7 p.m. in the Bulgarian Cultural Centre during a special programme marking Bulgarian Martyrs' Day.

MONDAY, June 9: Palestinian writer Farouk Wadi will read his works at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

TUESDAY, June 10: The three deported West Bank leaders, Mohammad Milhem, mayor of Halhoul, Fahd Qawassmi, mayor of Hebron, and Islamic judge of Hebron Sheikh Rajab Al Tamimi, will discuss the latest developments in their joint effort to return to their homes at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

WEDNESDAY, June 11: "The Philosophy of Tantra Yoga" will be the topic of a talk by Mr. Dada Pravira at 5 p.m. in the library of Damascus Community school (in English).

*** Palestinian poet Khalid Abu Khalid will read selections from his works at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

THURSDAY, June 12: Poetry by Ahmad Dahbur will be read by the poet at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

FRIDAY, June 13: "Islam et Urbanisme: Le Mzab" is the title of a lecture with colour slides to be given at 8 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French and Arabic). Speakers will be Ms. Elisabeth Deleuge of the French Embassy and architect Yves Beton, a professor at the University of Aleppo.

VIDEO-TAPE PROGRAMMES

TUESDAY, June 10: A spectacle of French sports will be shown at 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre.

WEDNESDAY, June 11: Arthur Adamov will present "Je... Ils" at 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French).

FRIDAY, June 13: The 25th Festival of Avignon will be screened at 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French).

INTERNATIONAL PANORAMA

SATURDAY, June 7: The much-anticipated benefit costume show, "International Panorama," will be staged at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel. Models from 22 different countries will enact traditions of their respective countries while displaying national dress, accompanied by live music. Proceeds will benefit the Syrian Red Crescent; tickets may be obtained from the Sheraton Hotel or the Red Crescent office.

FILMS

SATURDAY, June 7 and MONDAY, June 9: "Le Sauvage," a 1977 colour film directed by Jean-Pierre Rappeneau, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. It stars Yves Montand, Catherine Deneuve, Luigi Vannucchi and Dana Winter (in French, with Arabic sub-titles).

SUNDAY, June 8: "Barbara, the Incurable" is a feature colour film to be shown at the German Democratic Cultural Centre at 6:30 (in German; Arabic sub-titles). The plot deals with the marital and professional problems of a successful woman athlete.

MONDAY, June 9 and TUESDAY, June 10: The BBC film version of John Webster's great Jacobean tragedy "The Duchess of Malfi" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the garden of the British Cultural Centre. Eileen Atkins stars as the Duchess. Tickets are available at the cultural centre library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, June 9: Two segments from the Palestinian TV series "By My Eyes" will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

TUESDAY, June 10: Three documentaries about the plight of the Palestinian people will be shown at 6 p.m. The films are: "A Contract Seize"; "The Song of Free People"; and "Palestine, the Roots", a film directed by Syria's Amin Bunnai which took first place in the 1980 Baghdad Film Festival.

WEDNESDAY, June 11: "Das Messer im Rücken," a 1979 film directed by Ottokar Runze, will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Goethe Institute. It stars Hans Brenner and Hellmut Lange (in German; English sub-titles).

*** Two documentaries, "The Camp David Accords Parade" and "The Settlements", will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

THURSDAY, June 12: "Le Rapace," a 1976 film directed by Jose Giovanni, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. The colour film stars Lino Ventura, Enrique Lucero and C.L. Figueroa (in French; Arabic sub-titles).

FRIDAY, June 13: "Das Brot Des Backers," a film directed by Erwin Keusch, will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Goethe Institute. It stars Karl Sauer, Werner Tauber, Maria Lucca and Manfred Seipold (in German, with Arabic sub-titles).

*** A documentary film entitled "Mimino" will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

TEACHERS' DAY

THURSDAY, June 12: The German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre will mark the close of the 1979-80 school year with a programme and presentation of certificates to outstanding students at 6:30 p.m. in the centre.

YOGA INSTRUCTION

MASTER YOGA INSTRUCTOR Dada Pravira offers lessons in yoga Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. in the Damascus Community School for a fee of \$25 a month. Beginners welcomed.

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY, June 8: Capt. Jim Wallace of the United Nations Observation Forces will lead the 10:45 a.m. services in Damascus Community Church at the American School. All persons are welcome to attend the services (in English) of the first non-denominational church in Syria.

If you have items for the Damas-Scene column, please send them 10 days in advance to Pat McDonnell, P.O. Box 5601, Damascus; or telephone them in Damascus to 336-658.

Pat-pourri

THE 1980 EXPEDITION at Tell Brak in northeastern Syria has been completed, and archaeologists Dr. David Oates, Dr. Joan Oates and Dr. Thomas Holland are pleased with the results.

Dr. Oates, a professor at the London Institute of Archaeology, says he is now certain that the gigantic mound of Tell Brak is actually five or six tells which slowly grew together over the millennia.

"The mound, which is equal in size to Nineveh, rises 45 metres above the plain," Dr. Oates stated. "We're now at levels dating before 4,000 B.C. and we have 20 more metres of habitation strata to go."

This season's dig yielded important information pertaining to the early third millennium B.C., the Early Dynastic period. Among the more curious objects recovered were six dockets - identifying markers bearing seal impressions which had been attached by string to jars. The dockets, which date to 2,600 B.C., were punched with holes representing numbers, and they bore archaic scenes.

The archaeologists also recovered a pot of a style known to have been used from before 4,000 B.C. to the Old Period of the third millennium. It is egg-shaped and has two spouts on each shoulder, and two hints as to its possible purpose are given by two other finds: a bronze strainer probably used to strain beer and a seal impression of two men seated on stools facing each other and drinking through straws from a double-spouted container.

Dr. Holland, of Oxford and London Universities, dug this season in an eastern section of Tell Brak which heretofore has not been excavated. The "Step Trench," as he termed his excavation area, represented a habitation sequence from Ur III at the top, down to Early Dynastic I. His achievement this year was

systematically to go through five metres of deposits ranging from 3,000 to 2,200 B.C.

Archaeologists wouldn't be happy without historical problems and there have been many at Tell Brak, which first gained world fame in the 1930s when it was excavated by Prof. Max Mallowan and his mystery writer wife, Dame Agatha Christie. One of the problems is a 500-year gap in the record of settlement in the palace area. The massive mudbrick buildings simply lack materials dating to the period of ca. 3000-2500 B.C. Why? Dr. Oates theorises that when it was time to build new public structures, the inhabitants used the equivalent of modern-day bulldozers and shaved off sections of the mound (representing 500 years) to erect new buildings on top of the old foundations.

Another mystery to the archaeologists is a pit some one and a half metres deep which yielded more than 800 terracotta triangular "bulls". The question of their purpose fascinates the archaeologists - as does that of why they were so carefully deposited. The team is now in London analysing materials which will, it is hoped establish the importance of Tell Brak during the fifth to the third millennia B.C. northern Syria.

A PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE on the forthcoming July Seminar for Arab Women and Arab Women Journalists has taken place in the Damascus Centre of Information Studies. There are now 85 women journalists in Syria; eight of them were elected to a consultancy board to prepare for the July seminar.

DAMASCUS IS losing another of its popular ambassadors with the depar-

ture on Monday of Italian Ambassador **Giorgio Giacomelli**. On the occasion of Italy's Constitution Day, the ambassador and his Spanish wife, **Ana**, officially said farewell to more than 500 Damascenes in the garden of their residence.

Italy holds two distinctions: it is the seat of western culture and of the Catholic Church. Hence, the guests included the directors of Syria's National Museum and the Damascus Music Conservatory, and an impressive number of Syrian artists. Religious leaders bidding farewell to the ambassador included the Mufti of the Syrian Arab Republic **Sheikh Ahmad Kaftaro**; **Mgr. Maximus Hakim**, patriarch of the Greek Catholic Church; **Mgr. Joseph Moummer**, archbishop of the Syro-Catholic Church; **S.S. Aghannous Yacoub III**, patriarch of Antioch and the Middle East; and **Mgr. Paul Coursa**, archbishop and vicar patriarchal of the American-Catholic Church of Damascus.

Dr. Simone Dummar, director of the Italian Hospital of Damascus, and **Mr. Jern Gerslov**, counsellor of the European Economic Commission office in Damascus, chatted with the ambassador's executive assistant, **Ms. Clara Maria Montenegro**, about the National Day of Italy. Ms. Montenegro explained that the independence celebration of the establishment of Rome as the capital of united Italy occurred first in 1817. Constitution Day was traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday of June until after World War II, when it was celebrated June 2. However, due to the current austerity policy, the holiday has been returned to the first Sunday in June so that the people will not miss a working day.

Mr. Giacomelli, who holds a degree in law from Padua University, has been ambassador to Syria since Sep-

tember 1976. He holds the distinction of having been the youngest man ever to receive an Italian ambassadorship when he was nominated to serve as ambassador to Somalia in 1973. A sportsman (horse-rider and hunter), he has supported the arts in Syria; his lovely, model-thin wife has been one of the best-dressed women in Damascus. The young set has also expressed sadness over the departure of son **Sandro**, 13, a lively red-head who speaks English with an American accent, and daughter **Rosana**, 11. In Rome, the ambassador will serve as deputy director of the immigration department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and word has it that in a few months he will be appointed director.

ANOTHER COUPLE who gave of their time to the Damascus community has been **Clem and Beryl Milgate**. Mr. Milgate worked for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Forces for nearly three years as claims officer. He has been reassigned to Peshawar, Pakistan, where he will work for the U.N. High Commission for Refugees.

Together, the Milgates contributed to the Damascus Theatre Group, particularly when Clem joined the chorus in last autumn's production of H.M.S. Pinafore and Mrs. Milgate sewed the costumes.

On a recent morning, **Mrs. Betty Pilkington**, whose husband **Dennis** heads the UNDOF offices in Damascus, gave a farewell party for Beryl and a welcome coffee for new UNDOF wives, **Joan Irwin**, **Adelaide Corrigan** and **Shirley Jordan**. Among those sharing stories and tips of life in Pakistan were **Linda Schrader**, **Patsy Hannon**, **Marie Rissanen**, **Betty Byrnes** and **Belle McIlroy**.

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Economic News Briefs

U.S. unemployment soars to 7.8 %

WASHINGTON, June 6 (R) — The U.S. unemployment rate shot up to 7.8 per cent in May from 7 per cent in April, the second consecutive sharp monthly increase, the government reported today.

At the same time, it said, wholesale prices rose during the month by only 0.3 per cent, the smallest increase in nearly three years. In April, they went up 0.5 per cent and the price index is now 13.3 per cent above its level of a year ago.

The new statistics provided further evidence that the U.S. economy is in the throes of what many economists believe is the second worst recession in the post-war period.

The Labour Department said the number of people holding jobs declined by 166,000 to 96.99 million. By the government's calculations, some 900,000 more persons were out of work in May than in April as unemployment totalled 8.1 million of the work force. In April, 7.2 million were unemployed.

The slowing in the rate of wholesale price increases followed a pattern that began a few months ago when it became apparent that the economy was in a decline. The 0.3 per cent increase in May was the smallest since a 0.2 per cent rise in September 1977.

According to the Labour Department, energy prices at the wholesale level increased last month by 0.8 per cent, far less than in any recent month. Food edged up slightly after a sharp decline in April.

The unemployment rate increase appeared to reflect a huge drop in new housing construction, as well as in auto production as U.S. manufacturers continue a switchover to more fuel-efficient cars.

The huge rise in unemployment was sure to be seized upon by President Carter's critics as another sign that his economic policies are not working. On the other hand, the slowing in wholesale prices will be used by the White House to argue that his war on inflation is succeeding.

Earlier this year, inflation hit a record annual rate of over 18 per cent, but in April it was running at an 11.6 per cent annual rate, according to the consumer price index.

'Invisibles' improve Britain's trade position

LONDON, June 6 (AP) — Britain moved into a stronger trading position in the first three months of this year, showing a surplus of £398 million on the total balance of payments, the Trade Department said yesterday.

The figure, contradicting official estimates that the trade position would get worse, compared with a deficit of £30 million in the previous quarter.

The overall improvement was almost entirely due to a surplus of £306 million on "invisible" earnings from banking, shipping and tourism, and to a surplus on capital movements which reflected the strength of sterling.

American average income rises 8.5%

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP) — More than 2,000 Americans reported earning a million U.S. dollars or more last year, according to the Internal Revenue Service, (IRS) the federal agency assigned to levy and collect Americans' taxes.

The number of millionaires — 2,092 according to IRS preliminary estimates — was up from the 1,776 persons in this category a year earlier. The income figures reflect earnings after exemptions.

The income of the U.S. population advanced from an average of \$13,372 in 1977 to \$14,508 in 1978, for an 8.5 per cent increase.

The data was contained in a preliminary report of income tax returns filed last year for tax year 1978.

Economic aid starts to encourage Lebanon

RIYADH — Long awaited Arab and international aid is finally beginning to move Lebanon's way, injecting sorely needed cash into its reconstruction and development effort.

For the Lebanese, the Arab aid in particular is a deeply important sign of confidence in their country's shattered political economy, still suffering in the aftermath of the 1975-1976 civil war.

Last November at the 10th summit conference in Tunisia, Arab countries pledged Lebanon \$2 billion over the next five years, or \$400 million a year. The contributors were Saudi Arabia, 28.5 per cent, Kuwait 15.7 per cent, Iraq and Libya 15 per cent each, the UAE 11 per cent, Algeria seven per cent, and Qatar 1.5 per cent.

In March, Iraq paid the first installment of \$19.8 million. The Emirates followed on April 10 with \$45 million, its entire share for the year, according to an official announcement in Beirut.

So far, these are the only countries to have transferred their promised contributions. Lebanon is expecting installments from the rest over the next few months.

The Lebanese government is also waiting for the promised early return of a World Bank team which visited Lebanon in March to study reconstruction lending. In 1977, the bank signed a \$50 million project loan with Lebanon, but this was frozen after renewed violence broke out in the summer of 1978.

The March World Bank talks on Lebanon's reconstruction needs, with everyone from President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Salim Hoss to ministers and senior officials, focussed on two options.

First, the talks centered on at least starting the fiscal flow for reconstruction projects agreed under the 1977 loan. The bank's team assured Lebanese officials that it would ease the inflationary cost increase of implementation over the three-year gap.

The talks went further to involve new aid, particularly under the Lebanese Reconstruction and Development Council's (RDC) integrated plan to revive the country's public sectors.

The original agreement called for the rebuilding of three of Beirut port's main docks, which were completely destroyed during the war. Fresh talks with the ministry of water and hydroelectric resources also considered a plan for the port's

rehabilitation, complete with the latest equipment, to make it one of the Mediterranean's best.

The ministry sought the World Bank's advice on drinking water supply projects for Beirut and other major cities. For south Lebanon's Litani river project, which the World Bank helped to start, Lebanese officials were anxious to resume discussions to speed it up.

In southern Lebanon, officials sought bank financing to study a possible rainwater storage dam for agriculture. North Lebanon's Amshit highway needs additional funding for completion.

Other areas studied with senior RDC officials were the repair, improvement and expansion of Lebanon's communications and telecommunications networks and manpower development, with emphasis on vocational and techno-industrial training under an RDC plan.

Lebanon received a boost from the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc), which appealed to all governments to contribute to Lebanon's reconstruction and development. The unopposed U.N. resolution also called for the organisation's own agencies to

help as much as possible. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has been asked to continue mobilising the U.N. on Lebanon's benefit.

Later, a joint delegation from the U.N.'s Food and Agricultural Organisation and its Development Fund (UNDF) met senior Lebanese officials to discuss a \$15 million aid package for the 18,000 farmers badly affected by the war.

The three year package aims to give them cooperative loans, improve the packaging of apples, and boost dairy production by importing more cows and goats as well as develop new agricultural areas. The team which will seek long-term loans and technical aid from official and specialised agencies will submit a final report to the Lebanese government and UNDF in June.

Earlier, the Saudi Press Agency reported that the Islamic Development Bank has granted Lebanon a 15-year, interest-free \$9.75 million loan for school science teaching.

Although it is pinning great hope on the Arab and international aid, the Lebanese government has also made use of the country's commercial banks. Last year they lent it L.L.1 billion (\$325 million) thanks to huge surplus

liquidity, which saw the banks' total deposits rise L.L.4 billion from the end of 1978 to L.L.18 billion at the end of last year.

The economic outlook is not all one of gloom. Imports in 1979 rose to value L.L.6 billion against L.L.5.1 billion in 1978. Exports more than doubled to L.L.4.2 billion last year over L.L.2 billion in 1978. These official figures exclude the considerable black market of smuggled goods and others using illegal ports.

Customs revenues increased 34 per cent to L.L.682 million last year but again would have been substantially higher without the black market.

Officially registered industrial exports, however, leapt up to value L.L.1,263 million last year over L.L.77 million in 1978. Agricultural exports rose L.L.15 million to L.L.135 million last year.

Beirut airport notched up a 10 per cent increase in the number of passengers it handled to reach one million. Beirut port, however, was last year visited by 2,257 ships, which unloaded 2,374,000 tons of goods while shipping out only about 228,000 tons.

Saudi Business
May 30, 1980



Beirut's residents enjoy the pleasures of life in a shattered land as reconstruction gets under way in all sectors of the economy, helped by Arab and foreign financing. (Gamma photo)

LONDON EXCHANGE RATE

LONDON, June 6 (R) — Following are the buying and selling for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets

One sterling	2.3320/30	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.1535/38	Canadian dollar
	1.7715/25	West German mark
	1.9440/55	Dutch guilders
	1.6370/6400	Swiss francs
	28.37/40	Belgian francs
	4.1200/2500	French francs
	832.00/833.00	Italian lire
	219.15/35	Japanese yen
	4.1740/55	Swedish crowns
	4.8620/40	Norwegian crowns
	5.5235/50	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	600.00/602.00	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, June 6 (R) — Equities were higher while government bonds closed steady after a quiet session, dealers said. At 1500 FT index was up 4.9 at 428.3.

Most sectors showed gains of up to 8p on the strength of a buying interest in mid-morning, but prices drifted below the dull levels during the afternoon. Trading in government bonds dull but the strength of sterling made for gains of around point in longer dated issues.

Gold shares showed small gains as the bullion traded at \$600 while North American issues were mixed with a lower b. Burmah encountered early profit taking and finished 10p lower after the chairman told the annual meeting it would be difficult to improve on the 1979 results. BP, Lloyds and Tricentral's between 5p and 8p but Siebens gained 7p.

Thorn closed steady at 266 after announcing plans to enter U.S. video disc market while Land Securities fell a further following yesterday's rights issue details.

The strength of sterling helped Unilever add 8p while gain between 5p and 8p were seen in Becham, Lucas, Glaxo, Midl and Tube Investments.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATE

U.S. dollar	294.00/296.80	French franc	71.00/71.4
U.K. sterling	682.70/686.70	Japanese yen	132.40/133
West German mark	165.60/166.60	(for every 100)	150.70/151
Swiss franc	178.20/179.30	Dutch guilder	70.20/70.6
Italian lire	35.20/35.40	Belgium franc	103.30/103
(for every 100)			

BP reports £235m profit rise

LONDON, June 6 (AP) — British Petroleum (BP) announced yesterday a profits increase of £235 million in the first three months of this year. The rival Royal Dutch-Shell Oil Co. month reported a profits increase of £100 million to £718 million in the first quarter.

BP reported that because of continued good performance in North Sea and Alaska, profits compared to the first quarter year rose from £270 million to £504.7 million.

The big increase took place largely because of rising oil prices and despite a fall in crude oil sales through a Nigerian cutoff of reduced supplies from Iran, the company said.

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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The morning finds you with some limitations that require much thought but conditions take an upward trend later and you can gain your objectives. Maintain a happy manner.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your surroundings and make definite plans for improvement. You can gain personal aims quite easily at this time.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 21) Attend to home duties early in the day and you'll have more time for social activities later. Sidestep a hypocrite.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Look for a new formula through which you can become more successful in the future. Be alert for opportunities.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You have fine ideas that need more study before putting them in operation. Avoid the social in the evening.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Handle regular duties in the morning and then seek the company of persons who are interesting and progressive. Be poised.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Clear up any misunderstanding with close ties and be sure to keep promises you have made. Be kind to others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Put those new ideas to work that will improve the quality of your work and add to income. Avoid a troublemaker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make plans early in the day for recreation you want later. Take time to please the one you love. Engage in favorite hobby.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Attend to home tasks that will give added comfort. Make plans to have added abundance in the days ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have new ideas that are excellent but make sure they are practical before putting them in operation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Handle routine chores early in the day and then engage in favorite hobby with congenials. Be alert at all times.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Do something thoughtful for close ties and establish more harmony at home. Advice from an influential person is helpful now.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Moscow expects 250,000 Olympic visitors

MOSCOW, June 6 (AP) — An official in the Moscow mayor's office said yesterday that Soviet authorities still expect about 250,000 foreigners to visit the city during the Olympic Games.

Mr. Mikhail Bruk, an aide to Mayor Vladimir Promyslov, made the statement to "clarify" an estimate by Promyslov earlier in the day that predicted only 100,000 foreigners total — 75,000 tourists and 25,000 athletes and officials — would be in the city during the games.

Mr. Bruk made the clarification after it was pointed out to him that Soviet Olympic officials had been predicting all along that 250,000 to 300,000 foreigners would flood the city during the games. Mr. Bruk said that Mr. Promyslov had meant to say that there would be about 75,000 foreign tourists in the city at any one time.

Mr. Promyslov spoke at a news conference yesterday where he also called U.S. President Jimmy Carter's boycott drive "a complete failure." He said 85 countries have officially said they would participate in the games and that Soviet Olympic officials still are awaiting replies from 26 other countries.

Manchester tennis results

MANCHESTER, June 6 (AP) — Top seeded Sue Barker of Britain defeated Joanne Russell of the United States 7-5, 6-2 in 75 minutes today to move into the women's singles final of the \$20,000 Greater Manchester grass court tennis tournament at Didsbury.

The defending champion meets British No. 3 Anne Hobbs in Saturday's final. Hobbs crushed another American, Jane Stratton, 6-1, 6-0 in the other semifinal.

In the first of the outstanding men's quarterfinals No. 4 seed John Yandri, tipped as a Wimbledon outsider — was surprisingly beaten 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 by fellow American Brian Teacher.

Tourist Trophy race claims third death

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, June 6 (R) — Briton Roger Corbett today became the third rider to die in this year's Tourist Trophy (TT) motor cycle races here.

Corbett crashed in the main event of the meeting, the classic TT. He died in hospital after being taken from the course by helicopter. Two other Britons died earlier in the week and today's tragedy brought the number of riders killed on the Isle of Man TT course to 128.

Davis-Watt lightweight title bout today

GLASGOW, Scotland, June 6 (R) — Four years ago the prospect of a World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight title fight between champion Jim Watt of Scotland and American Howard Davis tomorrow night would have been inconceivable.

For just at the time Davis, then 20, was winning the Olympic title in Montreal and earning the title of "Boxer of the Games," Watt was contemplating retirement in Glasgow.

As British champion he had enjoyed a successful domestic career, but he believed that at the age of 28 the time had come to quit the ring and enjoy the gentler occupation of running his car sales business. Now he is sharing the spotlight in the world's richest-ever lightweight contest.

It was a change of manager that so dramatically altered the course of Watt's life. Under the guidance of Terry Lawless he won the European title in 1977 and the vacant WBC crown in April of last year against Colombian Alfredo Pitalua.

With two successful defenses later, he enters the ring here tomorrow for a purse estimated to be in the region of £400,000. Including worldwide television sponsorship and ancillaries, tomorrow's fight will gross £1,300,000 — a staggering sum in the lightweight division.

Watt, normally the most unassuming of men, found himself caught up in a pre-fight verbal brawl when Davis said "you can cut off both my arms, both my legs, blindfold me, and put a cigarette in my mouth and I'll still win."

Watt snapped back after training today, saying "he's talking plenty but what he has been saying is provocative rubbish. Davis has been asked to do something which is beyond him. It is the first time he has fought outside the United States as a professional and he is meeting the best fighter he has ever faced."

Trying to take the heat out of the ugly situation which has developed here, Davis' manager Dennis Rappaport praised Watt today as a worthy champion. "He is a credit to boxing and Scotland and a great example for the youth of the world. But he is not very quick and I just can't see him beating Howard to the punch."

"A mood is being created by both the Watt camp and the media to induce hysteria. But I think when Davis becomes world champion there is sufficient interest in Scotland for me to bring him back to fight anyone but a Scot," Rappaport added.

In the other corner Lawless, naturally, disagrees. He said, "Davis has quality but he has a few strange habits, like turning his head away when he is on the ropes. That could be fatal against Jim."

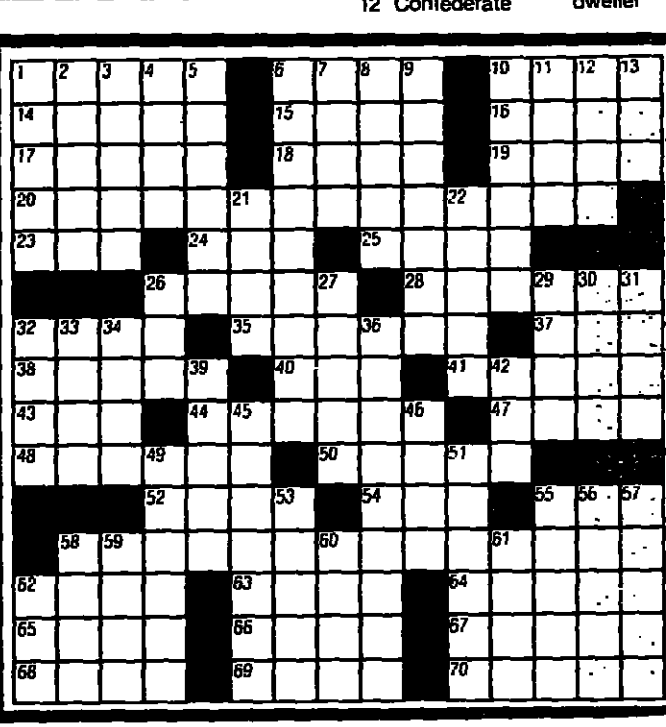
Watt has lost seven bouts in his 43-fight pro career, but is undefeated since 1976. Davis has won all 13 of his professional contests, five of them by knockout.

THE Daily Crossword by Dorothea E. Shipp

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6 Agreement	32 Tunisian	62 A Waugh	21 Seville
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14 Ms. Abzug	37 Amin	64 Once	26 Chopping
15 Guthrie	38 Leaches	65 Handle	27 Battery
16 Nimbus	40 Angle	66 Patricia	28 Extensive
17 Watchful	41 Sea duck	67 Pagan	29 Conceal
18 Rock chain	43 Grande or	68 Slowly,	30 Lass
19 In an un-	44 Bravo	69 In music	32 Painful
20 Daydreams	46 Binding	70 Biblical	33 Epee's
23 Decimal	47 Factual	71 Rushed	34 Black Sea
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GOREN BRIDGE

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Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ J65
♥ K2
♦ 92
♦ AQJ973

WEST
♦ Q1082
♥ J76
♦ 10874
♦ 65

EAST
♦ K43
♥ A984
♦ QJ6
♦ K84

SOUTH
♦ A97
♥ Q1053
♦ AK53
♦ 102

The bidding:

South West North East
1.0 Pass 2.♦ Pass
2.NT Pass 3.NT Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: Two of ♦.

One axiom of declarer play is to plan the campaign before playing to the first trick. Not enough stress is put on the fact that the same holds true for the defense.

Since his heart suit was not biddable, South correctly opened one diamond, but this led to a rebid problem when North responded two clubs. His choice of two no trump has our endorsement — in modern theory, this bid does not show extra values — and North's raise to game was automatic.

The opening lead of the two of spades was covered by

the five and king and won with the ace. Declarer ran the ten of clubs and East, after a few moment's thought, correctly ducked. The club finesse was repeated and East won the king. However, the contract was no longer beatable because the jack of spades was a sure entry to dummy's clubs.

East did well to hold up the king of clubs one round in case declarer held a doubleton. He would have done even better had he decided to think about the hand as a whole before playing to the first trick.

Obviously, the club suit in dummy posed a serious threat. It was equally apparent that entries to dummy were not exactly plentiful. East had the ace of hearts over the king, and he could hold up the king of clubs for one round to prevent declarer from running that suit. The only possible entry card was the jack of spades. Therefore, East should have retained the king of spades in case it was needed to neutralize the jack.

Not only would East have defeated the contract had he played a low spade to the first trick, his play wouldn't even have cost a trick. No matter which card East chose to play, declarer was destined to get two spade tricks. The only difference is that playing low permits East to concede one trick early and cheaper than he had imagined.

Peanuts



Andy Capp



Mutt 'n' Jeff



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CHANNEL 3

5:30 Koran
5:40 Cartoons
6:00 Children's programme
6:40 Why can't I go Home
7:00 News in Arabic
8:30 Arabic series
9:00 Local programme
9:15 Delta
10:10 News in Arabic
10:30 Switch

CHANNEL 6

6:30 French programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:00 News in Arabic
9:30 Comedy
9:30 Best Sellers
10:00 News in English
11:15 Delta
11:30 Switch

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on
7:01 Morning Show
7:30 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning Show
8:00 News Summary
8:30 Sharam Jerusalem
11:00 Sign off
12:00 News Headlines
12:05 News Summary
13:00 News Summary
13:05 Radiotheque
13:10 News Bulletin
14:30 Music
14:30 About Jordan
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 News Summary
16:05 Easy Listening
16:30 Old Favorites
17:30 International Top Twenty
18:00 News Summary
18:05 First Split
19:00 News Bulletin
19:10 Science Report
19:30 Sign off

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS:

7:30 Cairo (EA)

8:55 Agaba
9:15 Dhaman, Kuwait
9:25 Ras Al Khaima, Abu Dhabi
9:30 Karachi, Dubai (RJ/GP)
9:45 Tehran
10:00 Beirut
11:05 Riyadh, Dhaman (SDI)
12:05 Kuwait (KAC)
12:25 Kowloon (BA)
12:30 Cairo (EA)
12:30 London
12:35 Paris, Beirut (AF)
12:45 Amsterdam, Athens, Beirut (KLM)
13:30 Bangkok, Athens
13:45 Beirut (MEA)
14:05 Copenhagen, Athens
14:30 Frankfurt
14:35 Cairo (EA)
14:45 Cairo
16:55 London (BA)

DEPARTURES:

6:25 Damascus, Munich, Frankfurt (LH)
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8:05 Cairo (EA)
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10:15 Bangkok, Athens
11:30 Geneva, Brussels
12:00 London
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12:30 Paris, London
14:00 Kuwait (KAC)
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16:25 Cairo (EA)
16:30 Beirut
19:30 Cairo
20:15 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ/GP)
21:00 Jeddah
23:55 Cairo (EA)
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Nisam Al Nasir (38435)
Jeddah:
Fakhr Haddad
Zarqa:
Ghazi Roman (82938)

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Nisam (37291)
Jeddah:
Shadi
Zarqa:
Al Shaker

TAXIS:

Tadina (44660)
Al Nef (44433)
Tariq (52541)
Shamsan (65294)

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GMT

04:00 Newsday
04:30 The Back Family
04:45 Financial News: Reflections
05:00 News: Press Review
05:15 About Britain
05:30 Guitars Workshop
05:45 The World Today
06:00 Newsday
06:30 These Musical Islands
07:00 News: News about Britain
07:15 From the Workings
07:30 Young Music Makers
07:45 Network U.K.
08:00 News: Reflections
08:30 Talkshow and His World
09:00 News: Press Review
09:15 The World Today
09:30 Financial News: Look Ahead
09:45 Science in Action
10:15 About Britain
10:30 Rock Salad
11:00 News: News about Britain
11:15 New Ideas: The Week in Wales
11:30 The English Poets
12:00 Radio Newsworld
12:15 Jazz for the Asking
12:45 Sports Round-up
13:00 News: Commentary
13:15 The Medical Interview
13:30 Network U.K.
14:00 Saturday Special
14:30 World News
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19:15 People and Politics
19:30 Sports Round-up
19:45 News: Commentary

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17:00 Weekend
18:00 Special English: news/words and their stories, features, short stories
18:30 New York, New York
19:00 News and This Week
19:30 Press Conference USA
20:00 Special English: news/words and their stories
20:15 Music USA (Jazz)
21:00 Weekend

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French Cultural Centre 338-494
Kabani Theatre 222-016
National Museum 114-854

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Carter meeting fails to dull Kennedy's zeal

WASHINGTON, June 6 (Agencies) — U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy, emerging from a lengthy White House meeting yesterday with President Jimmy Carter, declared he has

"every intention" of continuing his uphill battle to wrest the Democratic Party's presidential nomination from the incumbent.

Mr. Kennedy told reporters that Mr. Carter did not ask him to withdraw from the presidential race. "I have every intention of continuing in this campaign," the Massachusetts Democrat said.

Asked whether he had "a prayer" in taking the nomination away from Mr. Carter, Mr. Kennedy replied, "More than a prayer."

He refused to discuss what the resident said to him in their Oval Office meeting, at which no aides were present. The senator also refused to say whether he would support Mr. Carter if the president, as expected, wins the party's nomination.

President Carter later said the two men still don't agree on how to present their differences to the voters.

Mr. Carter talking with reporters a few minutes after Mr. Kennedy left, said "the difference that remains primarily" is that Mr. Kennedy wants a debate on the issues and the president believes that best place to air those issues is before the Democratic national convention's platform committee.

Mr. Carter was asked if the continuing fight will endanger his chances in the autumn. He conceded: "The longer it takes, the more difficult it will be," but expressed confidence that he will win in November.

Before yesterday's visit, the two men had not met in at least a year, when Mr. Kennedy broke with Mr. Carter over the extent of national health insurance programmes the two were promoting.

Mr. Carter, who wants to avoid a potentially damaging party battle at the nationally televised convention, conceded Wednesday night that he expected Mr. Kennedy to continue the fight.

Carter campaign officials are worried that a bitter fight at the convention will weaken the Democrats in the autumn race against Republican Mr. Ronald Reagan and independent candidate Mr. John Anderson, who face no rivals for the fight to be on the ballot.

Meanwhile, former U.S. president Gerald Ford promised yesterday to "campaign wholeheartedly" for Mr. Reagan's bid for the presidency, but said he would not consider being Mr. Reagan's vice presidential running mate.

The former president, a longtime political rival of Mr. Reagan, said he suggested to the former California governor, the virtually certain nominee of the Republican Party, that former secretary of state Henry Kissinger could also help in the Reagan campaign.

Responding to questions, Mr. Ford said he had changed his mind since he said earlier this year that he didn't think Mr. Reagan could be elected president because he was too conservative.

"I thought there was a problem of Governor Reagan being elected. But I can just as firmly say today that I think Ron Reagan can be elected president," Mr. Ford said.

Asked what changed his mind, Mr. Ford cited two things: "First, he's shown he's a pretty good vote-getter in a few primaries around the country. And the economic policies of the Carter administration are a disaster. They are a catastrophe and they're going to get worse."

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Spain jolted by Giscard's proposal to limit immediate EEC expansion

MADRID, June 6 (R) — A proposal by French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing to limit immediate expansion of the European Common Market provoked shock and indignation today in Spain, which is a candidate for EEC membership.

President Giscard d'Estaing said in Paris yesterday that new members should not be allowed to join until what he called problems by the last admissions were resolved.

Britain, Ireland and Denmark joined the original six Market members in 1973 and Greece is due to become the tenth member next year. Spain and Portugal are negotiating membership.

Spain's minister for relations with the EEC, Mr. Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, said he was surprised by the statement and accused the French president of creating false and unreal problems.

"This accumulation of problems of which Mr. Giscard speaks seems to me to be absolutely unreal. Our country does not create budgetary problems, as in the case of the United Kingdom... I do not see problems relative to wine and tomatoes."

European diplomatic sources in Paris said the president's remarks appeared aimed at Spain and Portugal, whose fruit and vegetable farmers would provide stiff competition for the powerful

French farm community.

The French president said: "Discussions over the past months have made apparent that certain new countries are not completely integrated, because they have asked to be excused from meeting part of their obligations." The EEC has just agreed to a large cut in Britain's budget contributions, but not before a tough and acrimonious debate.

Spanish politicians of all parties joined Mr. Calvo Sotelo in rejecting Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's arguments and most accused him of seeking votes for next year's presidential election.

In Lisbon, the state radio reported that Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes told a press conference in Oslo, where he was on a state visit, that Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's remarks did not cover Portugal.

In Madrid, Mr. Ignacio Camunas, chairman of the parliamentary foreign affairs committee, said he expected "an abundance of statements of this kind for electoral reasons."

Socialist deputy Bergilio Zapatero described Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's statements as a "clumsy electoral manoeuvre" which Spanish diplomacy ought to neutralise by representations to the other eight members.

Matter of South African official's statement against blacks 'settled'

JOHANNESBURG, June 6 (R) — South African Prime Minister P. W. Botha said today he considered the controversy over a statement by one of his ministers that blacks were slow thinkers had now been ended.

Mr. Botha's cabinet colleague Mr. Hennie Smit set off a nationwide uproar when he told parliament on Wednesday night that blacks had been excluded from direct involvement in plans for a new constitution because they had "slower thought processes."

Asked for his reaction to the controversy, the prime minister said: "Minister Smit, on his own accord and with my knowledge, made a correcting statement in parliament. As far as I am concerned the matter has been settled."

Mr. Smit, the minister of posts and telecommunications, said a mounting wave of anger from black leaders, opposition speakers and the press.

The leading black newspaper, *Post*, demanded his immediate resignation and said: "Mr. Smit must know he has sickened every black man to the pit of their stomachs."

Mr. Smit made his remarks when he was defending the government's decision to set up a president's council consisting of representatives of all this white-



Premier Pieter Botha

ruled country's race groups except blacks.

He said later he did not mean to be insulting and replaced his comment about blacks with "those whose assimilation of constitutional processes was slower than most of us here."

The *Rand Daily Mail's* cartoonist pictured Mr. Smit sitting behind the desk of the "minister of insults and unfortunate remarks."

The cartoon had Mr. Smit pointing at a black and saying "The president's council is only for the more developed with fast thought processes and that leaves you out."

In an editorial, the *Mail* said the

president's council was thoroughly discredited in black eyes even before Mr. Smit "drove a final nail into its coffin."

Meanwhile in Pretoria, South African university researcher Dr. Renfrey Christie was sentenced to ten years imprisonment today on charges of terrorism after South Africa's first nuclear spy trial.

Dr. Christie, 30, was arrested on Oct. 23 in Cape Town soon after returning to South Africa after completing a doctorate at Oxford University in England. He was found guilty of five charges under the Terrorism Act by the Pretoria supreme court.

He was given leave to appeal against the sentence. When the trial ended on Tuesday, Judge Fritz Eloff told the court that Dr. Christie had supported the violent overthrow of the South African government.

Dr. Christie, a former deputy president of the South African students union, pleaded not guilty to a total of seven charges under the Terrorism Act which carried a maximum sentence of death.

Dr. Christie was found guilty of unlawfully acquiring information about where the atomic energy board considered it seismologically safe to explode nuclear devices.

World News Briefs

MOSCOW, June 6 (AP) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev with Indian External Affairs Minister V. P. Narasimha Rao today restated the Soviet position on Afghanistan — that Russian intervention, TASS, new agency reported. Also at the TASS said, was Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. The agency said the talks were held in a "friendly atmosphere" aimed at "deepening Soviet-Indian relations."

As to Afghanistan, the agency said the Soviet Union advocates a political settlement would reliably guarantee full termination of aggression against country and all forms of interference from outside into its affairs. TASS quoted Mr. Brezhnev as saying, "So far in two weeks with Soviet leaders, Mr. Rao has heard the Soviet stance on Afghanistan restated twice. It was thought that the Indian state would seek a diplomatic solution to the crisis that arose after the 27 invasion of Afghanistan. Mr. Rao for his part told Mr. Gromyko on Wednesday that India was concerned over the tension reaching towards its country's borders and emphasised that it must be a worldwide concept, not limited to Europe."

MILAN, June 6 (AP) — About 100 kilograms of heroin morphine, with a street value of 135 billion lire (\$162 million), seized in northern Italy today. Police said it was the biggest crackdown ever carried out in Italy. Customs police reported it of 11 persons, including four Frenchmen, were arrested in the action. Authorities said the drugs were destined for markets in E and the United States.

LONDON, June 6 (R) — The British government was yesterday accused of threatening its relations with poor countries by its charge full tuition fees for thousands of overseas students. For students averaging 60 per cent will end in September for nearly 86,000 foreign students in Britain, 35,000 of them at universities. Exceptions will be 4,000 students from other European Economic Community nations. Education Secretary Mark Carls told parliament last night that the Conservative government hoped to nearly £100 million a year under the plan. The government is part of a state cost-cutting campaign, has roused anger on campus and brought student protests. Labour opposition spokesmen would mean many students from Commonwealth and Third World nations could not come to Britain to study.

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of Health Human Resources Patricia Roberts Harris yesterday called for formation of an international health corps to attack disease throughout the world. She said the corps would serve as "a cadre of focused medical personnel, capable of responding to health needs any part of the world." She made the proposal in Cambridge, Massachusetts in a speech to the 145 graduates of Harvard Medical School. She acknowledged there would be "problems of funding, leadership of such an intervention effort." But she said the success international drive to eradicate smallpox was a forerunner of idea, and its vanguard includes World Health Organisation, Agency for International Development and Peace Corps workers all grappling with health problems around the world.

LONDON, June 6 (R) — Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Britain's most famous military commander in World War Two, joined the ranks of the immortals when a big bronze statue of him unveiled in the heart of London. The statue of "Monty," as the little general was known to millions of soldiers, stands outside defence ministry in Whitehall, between the Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar Square. It was unveiled by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on the 36th anniversary of the D-day allied assault landings on the coast of France, which Montgomery commanded. The statue today paid tribute to him as indubitably the greatest British commander since the Duke of Wellington. The three-metre statue by sculptor Oscar Nemon shows Monty in typical pose, clasp behind back, wearing battledress and his black beret. It paid for by old comrades after an appeal launched in a letter to *Daily Telegraph* newspaper.

European Parliament: Better luck next year

By Paul Bolding

STRASBOURG, France — A year after its election, the European Parliament has little to show save one much-vaunted victory which is rapidly fading.

While many of the 410 deputies still have the air of Euro-confidence which brought them to Strasbourg after the elections in the nine Common Market nations in June 1979, they are hard-pressed to point to concrete achievements.

Persuasion by a charismatic Dutch Socialist, Mr. Piet Dankert, produced a rare combination of interests last December which led the assembly to reject the Community's 1980 budget by 288 votes to 64.

The parliament wanted a brake on agricultural spending and more for regional, social and other funds. Even the disproportionately strong pro-farm lobby saw that its interests were furthered by putting off the day when the apparently inexorable growth in the agriculture fund burst through the EEC spending ceiling.

Other deputies wanted to demonstrate to EEC ministers that the newly-elected parliament meant to extend its powers. But none realised that there would still be no budget by the summer, resulting in a cash crisis.

A resolution passed last month appeared to be a major about-turn by a parliament which had lost the momentum of December's vote. It appealed to the EEC ministerial council for a speedy settlement of the issue and suggested that the controversial farm price guarantee section, some 66 per cent of all spending, could be bigger than the one in the budget it threw out.

In a debate on farm prices last March, the parliament almost approved a 7.9 per cent farm price rise which would have made the farm fund even bigger.

Somnolent rhythm

But the parliament has settled into a kind of rhythm, albeit one which some regular attenders, members, lobbyists and journalists alike find somnolent. It divides its work between debating

EEC and world issues. Much of its time is taken up on EEC Commission proposals where its role is solely consultative.

Only on the budget does the parliament have real power. In some areas, such as expansion of the Community to include Greece, Spain and Portugal, it is not even consulted.

Much of the world's awareness of the parliament in the last year has centred on Iran, where it called for consideration of a break in relations, and the Moscow Olympics, on which it plumped squarely for a boycott.

The assembly has no formal power whatever. It can urge EEC ministers to take up issues but there is no evidence that they heed the assembly.

Mr. Hans Nord, a Dutch Liberal member who served in the previous parliament as secretary-general, its chief administrator, says the malaise of the parliament reflects the problems of the Common Market as a whole.

"When things are going badly in the Community, you notice it more here where discussions are held in public," he said. "When we overcome the present Community crises, that will lead to a new vitality which will be reflected in the parliament and should strengthen its position further."

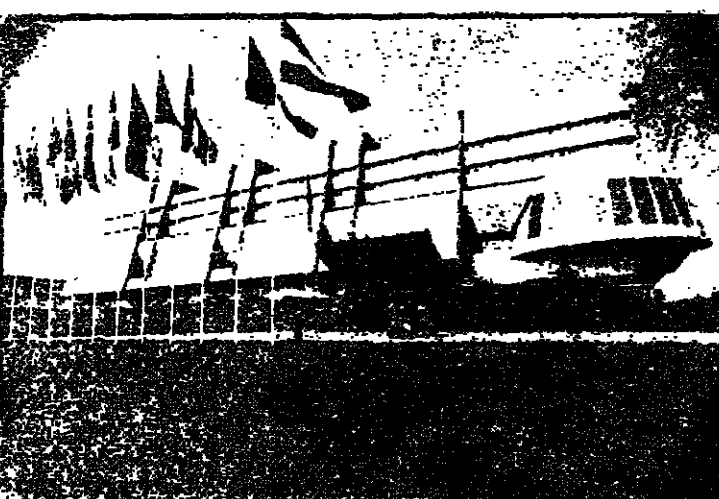
Mr. Stanley Johnson, a British Conservative member, is much gloomier. He sees last month's resolution on the budget as the low-point of the parliament's first year.

"The challenge now is to extend the conciliation procedure used with the ministers on the budget to other fields," he said.

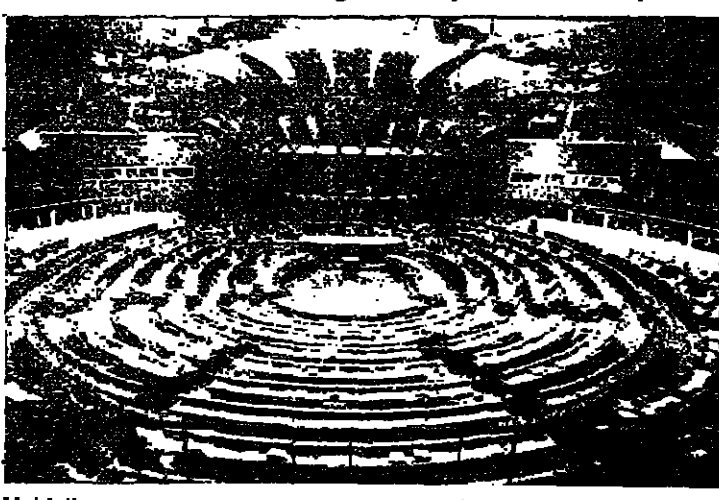
As a former official of the EEC Commission, responsible for drafting common rules on environmental protection, Mr. Johnson says little notice is taken of changes the parliament suggests to proposed EEC rules. "In six years at the commission I never recall an occasion when a European Parliament amendment was given so much as the time of day in the council working groups."

The officials who prepare Council of Ministers discussions are on their way to drafting decisions while the parliament is still mulling over possible amendments, he said.

Mrs. Beate Weber, 36, combines membership of the parliament as a West German Socialist with a seat on the city council of



Strasbourg's futuristic European Parliament building is pictured above, and below is the building's assembly room. (Gamma photos)



Heidelberg. She believes that the parliament has succeeded in winning over the EEC Commission as an ally against the Council of Ministers. But she agrees the council cares little for the parliament's decisions. "We must have an instrument for demanding to know why they reject our views," she said.

Diverse groupings

The 410 deputies fall into six main political groups. The largest is the Socialists with 113 members, the Christian Democrats have 107 members, the mainly British Conservatives 64, the Communists 44 and the Liberals 40. The sixth is a four-country grouping led by the French Gaullists.

With a wide variety of political traditions behind them it is not surprising that political leaders need a considerable amount of time for behind-the-scenes

missioner Christopher Tugendhat heard the commission and Council of Ministers criticism not attending all speeches long debate on the EEC budget. In his summing up, Mr. Tugendhat remarked that only a handful of parliamentarians who were still in the chamber.

Many of the deputies are big-league politicians for the time in the election of June last year. Others are backbenches from national parliaments or come from other careers industry or trade unionism.

But hopes that the few names of European politics former West German chancery, Willy Brandt or one-time prime minister Leo Tindemans would take a leading role been dashed: they rarely appear.

Back and forth

One of the parliament's favorite topics is that of its "s. Before the election it split its 12 sessions a year between Strasbourg and Luxembourg.

But the Luxembourg char was too small for the enlarged elected assembly sessions since have been held Strasbourg.

The grand duchy completely new chamber in the spring, for the parliament's leaders decided that all this year's sessions would be in Strasbourg. It changed their minds last month and decided that a special session needed to clear a backlog of work will be held in Luxembourg.

Staff are all based in Luxembourg and are ferried to Strasbourg for the sessions at high cost. They are threatening to strike July in protest at the amount travelling and say the special session has not changed their view.

Most months in Strasbourg Mayor Pierre Pflimlin, a member of the parliament, lays on a sumptuous meal. Last month a tonne of asparagus was down by parliamentarians, officials and journalists.

Members and their wives get birthday gifts from Mr. Pflimlin and officials conclude that largesse is linked to Strasbourg hope that any final decision on seat of the parliament will go away.

Last month EEC Budget Com-

negotiations before debates. Particularly on non-EEC issues like Iran and the Olympics there is often a centre-right alliance of Christian Democrats, Liberals and Conservatives, leaving the left outflanked.

But substantive debate aside, the parliament reveals a marked political immaturity in administering its own affairs. Hardly any of its week-long sessions goes by without hours of wrangling over rules and procedural points, much of it sparked off by members' frustration at difficulty in getting speaking time.

Much of the preparation for parliamentary debates is done by committees which meet regularly in Brussels, but the full assembly gathers for only one week a month. And yet the chamber is less than half full most of the time and even for the crucial budget vote in December only 353 of the 410 were present.

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Vance raps Carter's decision to defer consideration of SALT II

WASHINGTON, June 6 (R) — U.S. Secretary of state Cyrus Vance said yesterday that President Carter's shelving of the SALT II treaty was a bad mistake.

In an address to Harvard University graduates, his first speech since resigning, he also criticised policies espoused by advisers to Republican presidential candidate Mr. Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Vance focussed on SALT II, the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty which President Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev agreed a year ago in Vienna. Last January, Mr. Carter asked the senate to defer consideration of the treaty because of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

"Neither that aggression nor the fact that it is a political year are sufficient grounds for a failure to act in our own national interests," Mr. Vance said. "It is far too easy in an election year to let what may seem smart politics produce bad policies."

Mr. Vance said SALT II was "at the very heart of a sensible and far-seeing American foreign policy" and failure to ratify it would in future be looked back on as a profound mistake.

Despite the current strained U.S.-Soviet relations, he said: "It is not too late. It may soon be. I believe that the Senate must move to ratify the SALT II treaty before the end of this year." Carter administration officials have said the treaty was virtually dead for this year.

The speech broke five weeks of public silence by Mr. Vance, who resigned in protest against President Carter's decision to try a military rescue of the Americans held hostage in Iran since Nov. 4.



Former secretary of state Cyrus Vance